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**NEW POLICY ON FIREARMS IN EFFECT**

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**FORT HOOD, Texas** - A new command policy regarding registration requirements for privately-owned firearms was signed into effect Dec. 15 by Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general.

The policy, and Fort Hood Regulation 190-11, requires all servicemembers and their families living, residing or temporarily staying on Fort Hood to register any POF kept on post with the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Servicemembers living in barracks or in post temporary housing must notify their immediate commander of the possession of POFs and keep the weapon in their respective unit arms room in accordance with Army Regulation 190-11 and Fort Hood Regulation 190-11, the policy states.

Servicemembers and their families living, residing or temporarily staying on Fort Hood will immediately notify DES of any sale, purchase, trade, gift, exchange or any other action that changes the ownership or long-term possession of a POF kept on the installation.

The policy states that "All persons, whether servicemember or civilian, who intend to transport a POF onto Fort Hood must first register that firearm with DES." When entering Fort Hood, all persons are required to declare to access control point personnel that they are bringing a POF onto the installation.

"POFs being transported onto Fort Hood will, at all times, be accompanied by post registration documentation and are subject to inspection."

The new policy is punitive in nature and applies to all III Corps and Fort Hood servicemembers, major subordinate units, tenant activities and family members across Fort Hood.

To download a printable copy of the registration form visit <http://www.hood.army.mil/corps.policies.aspx>.

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